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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/759,264	Applicant(s) CHIU ET AL.	
	Examiner Emmanuel Omotosho	Art Unit 3714	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The applicant's field of endeavor, *Simulation Game with Geographical Information*, contains numerous prior arts pertinent to what is currently being claimed. The examiner is uncertain as to why there is no IDS entry from the applicant. In addition to the next response, the applicant is highly encouraged to put on record pertinent references.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities: the word "a" is missing in front of "vector layer" and "grid layer". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claim 1 recites the limitations "character coordinate data" and "event coordinate data" There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
5. Claim 5 recites the limitations "character coordinate data", "map layer data", "vector layer data", "grid layer data" and "background objects". There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

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Examiner's Position

6. On page 4 of the applicant's specification, applicant admitted prior art that Geographical Information System is known in the field of computer science. It is to the examiner's understanding that a **geographic Information System (GIS)** is a system for capturing, storing, analyzing and managing data and associated attributes that are spatially referenced to the earth. In the strictest sense, it is a computer system capable of integrating, storing, editing, analyzing, sharing, and displaying geographically-referenced information. In a more generic sense, GIS is a tool that allows users to create interactive queries (user created searches), analyze the spatial information, edit data, maps, and present the results of all these operations using vector data, grid/topological modeling and map overlays
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_information_system).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wang et al. ("Wang") US Patent No. 6,716,106 B2.

Wang discloses a simulation system:

9. Claims 1,5,8: integrating geographical information provided by a geographical information system for forming a game background and creating game course

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interaction (Par 2 lines 38-44). A manipulation displaying module, displaying a game background according to a move signal generated by a manipulation action, and operating a game course according to a trigger signal generated by another manipulation action (Par 5 lines 55-60). A logic computing module, receiving a move signal and performing logic computing of character coordinate data and a corresponding display area respectively, and further receiving a trigger signal and performing logic computing of corresponding event coordinate data (Fig 4 El. 410,412). A geographical information system, providing map layer data according to the display area and performing geographical information analysis corresponding to the event coordinate data (Par 2 lines 38-44). A geographical information database, storing the map layer data corresponding to the display area and the geographical information corresponding to the event coordinate data (Par 2 lines 38-44, Par 5 lines 15-20, 50-50). A game database, storing a plurality of game course sequences corresponding to the event coordinate data, and a plurality of background object data corresponding to the display area (Par 3 lines 48-55). A background generator module, receiving the map layer data to perform stacking logic computing and generate the game background, and further executing a game course sequence according to event coordinate data (Par 3 lines 35-55, Par 5 lines 15-20).

10. Claims 2,6: map layer data comprises at least a vector layer data and a grid layer data (Par 2 lines 38-44).

11. Claims 3,10: wherein the geographical information analysis comprises at least a buffer zone analysis, a route analysis, a space topology analysis, a slope inclination

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analysis, a 3-dimensions view analysis or a tendency forecast analysis (Par 3 lines 5-18, 30-55).

12. Claims 4,7: wherein the display area is a maximal visible area from the character coordinate data (Fig 1D, Fig 2).

13. Claim 9: comprising reading and executing a preset game course sequence corresponding to the event coordinate data when the event coordinate data correspond to a game course event (Par 3 lines 35-55, Par 5 lines 15-20).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Omotosho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3106. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 10-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on (571) 272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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